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> KEKAULUOHI. CHAPTER LIV.

BURDENS OF THE LOWER CLASSES." Previous to the enactment of the new code of laws on the subject of taxation, every man was required to pay a poll tax of one dollar annually.

dollar for the next.

Formerly, the tax of a common size farn was,

At the present time, it is a dollar for one year and a half a

1 Fathom Swine 40 Kapas

40 Paus

1 Dog 80 Fathoms of fish line, and a fish-net 800 meshes in length. This was the Government

Now the whole of this taxation is abolished except the

fathom Swine, and even that is reduced to half its former

size every other year. Formerly, besides this Government tax, there was another tax laid by the local Governors, another by the higher land-

At the present time there is no assessment except for the Government tax. No other tax can be laid. Formerly, if the Landlord became dissatisfied, he at once

dispossessed his tenant even without cause, and then gave

lords, and another still by their subordinates.

his land to whomsoever asked for it. At the present time that practice is at an end; lands are held by a strong tenure; they cannot be seized without cause.

Formerly, a prohibition rested even on the ocean, so that men must not take fish from it. At the present the prohibition is removed, so that every

man may take fish where he pleases with very few excep-

Formerly, there were distinct taxes on states, counties, towns and districts. Now there are no such taxes, they are

strictly prohibited. Formerly, if the King wished for the property of any man, he took it without reward; even seized it by force or took a portion only, just in action accordance with his choice, and no man could refuse him. The same was true of evrey chief and even the landlords treated their tenants thus

At the present time such conduct is at all ended. No chief whatever has power sufficient to do it now. Should one attempt it, he would instantly cease to be a chief on this arch-

Formerly, if a man had a number of children, they were a very heavy burden on account of their increasing the amount of his taxation.